

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for cooking food on skewers, comprising:
 - a plurality of holding members for holding skewers for skewering food;
 - rotating means for rotating the holding members;
 - an apparatus main body;
 - a plurality of cassettes removably mounted to the main apparatus body; and
 - heating means for cooking food skewered by the skewers;wherein:
 - each of the plurality of cassettes is provided with at least one of the plurality of holding members,
 - the rotating means includes a plurality of rotational drive sources with adjustable speeds of rotation respectively connected to the plurality of holding members, and
 - at least two of the plurality of cassettes are mounted in a vertical column on the main apparatus body such that the main apparatus body is oblong in shape.
2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:
 - the holding means and the rotational drive sources are arranged at the respective cassettes so that it is possible to adjust rotational speed of the holding members for each respective cassette.
3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for cooking food on skewers as disclosed in claim 1, wherein all of the plurality of cassettes are mounted on the apparatus main body such that they form one single column.

4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for cooking food on skewers according to claim 1, further comprising:

a juice receiving member, for receiving juice created during cooking of the food skewed by the skewers supported by the holding members provided at upper side cassettes of the plurality of cassettes installed at the main apparatus body with a vertical positional relationship, arranged at a position on a lower side from the holding members of cassettes on the upper side.

5. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for cooking food on skewers, comprising:

a plurality of holding members for holding skewers skewering food;
rotating means for rotating the holding members; and
an apparatus main body provided with heating means for cooking food skewered by the skewers,

wherein:

the rotating means includes a plurality of rotational drive sources with adjustable speeds of rotation, with the rotational drive source being respectively connected to at least one of the plurality of holding members, and with rotational speeds of the plurality of holding members being adjustable;

the holding means and the rotational drive sources are arranged at the respective cassettes so that it is possible to adjust rotational speed of the holding members for each respective cassette; and

the heating means adopts a dual surface heating method where surfaces on mutually opposite sides are heating surfaces, the cassettes are arranged at positions opposite the respective heating surfaces of the heating means, and axial directions of central axes of rotation of the holding members provided at the cassettes are in directions parallel with the heating surfaces.

6. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for cooking food on skewers, comprising:

a plurality of holding members for holding skewer skewing food;
rotating means for rotating the holding members;

an apparatus main body provided with heating means for cooking the food skewered by the skewers rotated by the rotating means, and a plurality of cassettes capable of being freely detached from and installed at the main apparatus body,

wherein:

the rotating means includes a plurality of rotational drive sources with adjustable speeds of rotation, with the rotational drive source being respectively connected to at least one of the plurality of holding members, and with rotational speeds of the plurality of holding members being adjustable;

the holding means and the rotational drive sources are arranged at the respective cassettes so that it is possible to adjust rotational speed of the holding members for each respective cassette; and

the main apparatus body is a box with the heating means arranged within the box, the cassettes pass through an opening formed in the main apparatus body so as to be inserted into the main apparatus body in a freely removable manner, so that when all of the cassettes are inserted into the opening so as to be installed, the inside of the main apparatus body is a sealed space or a substantially sealed space.

7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for cooking food on skewers, comprising:

a main apparatus body;

at least one ~~freely detachable~~ cassette provided with holding members for holding food on skewers; and

rotating means for rotating the holding members, wherein:

the rotating means ~~are have speeds individually that are separately~~ adjustable for each individual cassette,

the main apparatus body contains a cooking space for cooking the food, and at least one opening formed in the main apparatus body for enabling the cooking space and the outside of the main apparatus to communicate and for extracting and inserting the at least one cassette in the main apparatus body,

the at least one cassette matches at least one opening such that the cassette is capable of freely passing through the opening to become mounted or detached, and

the cooking space becomes a sealed or substantially sealed space when all the cassettes are inserted into the opening so as to be installed at the opening.

8. (Original) The apparatus for cooking food on skewers as disclosed in claim 7, wherein heating means for cooking the food is located at the main apparatus body.
9. (Original) The apparatus for cooking food on skewers as disclosed in claim 7, wherein heating means for cooking the food is located at the cassette.
10. (Original) The apparatus for cooking food on skewers as disclosed in claim 7, wherein a juice receiving member for receiving juice created during cooking of the food is provided positioned at a side lower than the holding member of the cassette.
11. (Original) The apparatus for cooking food on skewers as disclosed in claim 7, wherein the number of cassettes provided is a plurality, the number of the cooking spaces is the same as the number of cassettes, with the cooking spaces being mutually partitioned so as to be non-continuous partitioned spaces.
12. (Original) The apparatus for cooking food on skewers as disclosed in claim 11, wherein heating means for cooking the food are provided respectively at each of the cooking spaces at the main apparatus body.
13. (Original) The apparatus for cooking food on skewers as disclosed in claim 11, wherein heating means for cooking the food are provided respectively at each of the cassettes.
14. (Original) The apparatus for cooking food on skewers as disclosed in claim 11, wherein at least two cooking spaces of the plurality of cooking spaces are provided with a vertical positional relationship within the main apparatus body.
15. (Original) The apparatus for cooking food on skewers as disclosed in claim 12 or claim 13, wherein heating temperatures of respective heating means can be individually adjusted.

16. (Original) The apparatus for cooking food on skewers as disclosed in claim 7,
wherein a see-through part enabling the cooking space within the main apparatus body to
be observed from outside of the main apparatus body when the cassette is inserted
in the opening is provided in the main apparatus body.
17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for cooking skewered food constituted by food and a
skewer skewering the food, comprising:
a main apparatus body having a wall member forming a cooking space supporting food
being cooked therein and a front surface opening provided thereon;
a heater provided in such a manner that a heat-emitting section is positioned at an upper
part of the cooking space wherein the heater is adjustable with respect to heating
time; and
at least one food holding mechanism for positioning food downwards from the heat-
emitting section and being capable of holding horizontally laid skewers in a
manner enabling free rotation about a center axis of the skewers, wherein:
the holding mechanism is capable of being freely removable-inserted and
removed at a corresponding opening of from the main apparatus
body by passing through the opening,
and the rotation speed and rotation time of the skewers are individually
separately adjustable for each respective holding mechanisms.
18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus for cooking food on skewers as disclosed in claim 17,
wherein
the main apparatus body further comprises a door member for covering the opening.
19. (Original) The apparatus for cooking food on skewers as disclosed in claim 18,
wherein the food holding mechanism includes a guide mechanism providing guidance in
a free-moving manner between the cooking space and outside so as to pass
skewered food held by the food holding mechanism through the opening.
20. (Original) The apparatus for cooking food on skewers as disclosed in claim 18,

wherein the wall member has at least a pair of side surface wall members, an upper surface wall member, a front surface wall member, and a back surface wall member,

the pair of side surface wall members form side surfaces for both sides of the cooking space,

the upper surface wall member forms an upper surface of the cooking space,

the front surface wall member forms a part above the opening of the front surface of the cooking space, and

the back surface wall member forms a back surface of the cooking space.

21. (Original) The apparatus for cooking food on skewers as disclosed in claim 17,
wherein the wall member has a first ventilation hole communicating with the outside at an upper part of the cooking space.
22. (Original) The apparatus for cooking food on skewers as disclosed in claim 17,
wherein the wall member has a first ventilation hole communicating with the outside at an upper part of the cooking space and a second ventilation hole communicating with the outside at a lower part of the cooking space.
23. (Original) The apparatus for cooking food on skewers as disclosed in claim 17,
wherein the food holding mechanism has a holding member for holding one end of a skewer and a rotating mechanism for rotating the holding member about an axial center of the skewer.
24. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for cooking food on skewers, comprising:
a main apparatus body having a wall member forming a cooking space supporting food being cooked therein;
a heater provided in such a manner that a heat-emitting section is positioned at an upper part of the cooking space; and
a food holding mechanism for positioning food downwards from the heat-emitting section and being capable of holding horizontally laid skewers in a manner enabling free rotation about a center axis of the skewers,

wherein the food holding mechanism has a holding member for holding one end of a skewer and a rotating mechanism for rotating the holding member about an axial center of the skewer, and

the holding member has a rod member provided with a hole for one end of the skewer to plug into, and a branching member with one end supported at the rod member, an extending in a standing position along the skewer towards the side of the food.

25. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for cooking food on skewers, comprising:

a main apparatus body having a wall member forming a cooking space supporting food being cooked therein;

a heater provided in such a manner that a heat-emitting section is positioned at an upper part of the cooking space; and

a food holding mechanism for positioning food downwards from the heat-emitting section and being capable of holding horizontally laid skewers in a manner enabling free rotation about a center axis of the skewers,

wherein the food holding mechanism has a holding member for holding one end of a skewer and a rotating mechanism for rotating the holding member about an axial center of the skewer, and

the holding member has a rod member provided with a hole for one end of the skewer to plug into, and a pair of mesh members extending along the skewer supported at the rod member and so as to sandwich the food from both sides.

26. (Original) The apparatus for cooking food on skewers as disclosed in claim 17,

wherein the main apparatus body has a juice receiving member having a flat plate part positioned at the bottom of the cooking space inclined in one direction.

27. (Original) The apparatus for cooking food on skewers as disclosed in claim 17,

wherein the main apparatus body has a juice receiving member having a flat plate part positioned at the bottom of the cooking space and being capable of receiving liquid dripping from above, and a covering plate with a plurality of holes for covering the upper surface of the flat plate part.

28. (Original) The apparatus for cooking food on skewers as disclosed in claim 17,

wherein a wall surface of the wall member is metallic.

29. (Canceled)